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1. On 29 August 1947, a confidential meeting of the district governors and their immediate subordinates in French-occupied Baden was held in Freiburg. At this meeting a [REDACTED] official, [REDACTED], declared that the contemplated reduction of occupation costs in the near future was not inspired by consideration for the Germany economy or German interests but by possible American concern for the area if a tri-sonal arrangement should be made. He stated that since cooperation between the United States and France may become closer in the future, the "official and the real occupation policy of the French must be harmonized." It would be very difficult to convince the Americans of the need for the present high level of occupation costs. France could not expect the Americans to invest money and capital equipment in the French Zone if they became aware of the "silent extraction" of goods and products. He concluded by announcing that the administration of the French Zone must, in a very short time, be brought to a standard which need not fear American scrutiny.

2. Another official belonging to the Section of Public Education (Education Publique), declared that in Baden-Baden the state of mind of Gouvernement Militaire officials approaches frenzy. The opinion is prevalent that the phase of an autonomous French political policy is nearly finished and that the Americans soon will share responsibility for the development of the French Zone of occupation. As a result, high French officials and officers in the central administration are now moving very cautiously because they are afraid of losing their jobs which might possibly be vetoed by the Americans. In all departments "feverish" calculations are being made to straighten the accounts. The same official declared that the Americans are extremely well informed on matters concerning the French Zone. [REDACTED] There may be a direct relationship between this program and the recent purge of Gouvernement Militaire officials reported in [REDACTED]

3. At the same meeting it was announced that the Information Department and a number of other institutions maintained by occupation costs would be eliminated. The Sozialpsychologische Institut in Rustatt was also scheduled to be dissolved at the request of the Baden-Baden Finance Department, but its existence was provisionally saved by the intervention of the Sureté. [REDACTED] an account of the purpose and activity of the Sozialpsychologische Institut, see Report [REDACTED]

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